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SPONSORSHIP TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the sports for promotion of which grants are provided and the amount released during the last three years, till date;

(b) the Government`s plan to provide basic amenities/facilities for the development of sports in the States with the central assistance during the current financial year;

(c) the number of stadia completed or proposed to be completed with central assistance state wise and location wise; and

(d) the central assistance likely to be provided for completion of these stadia during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYAT RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : The Government has recognized various National Sports Federations for promotion and development of their disciplines concerned. The efforts of these federations for the development of various sports disciplines and excellence therein, are being significantly supplemented by the government through the `Scheme of Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations` for organizing national and international tournaments in India, participation of Indian teams in tournaments and events abroad, provision of coaching through Indian and foreign coaches, backed-up with requisite technical support, procurement of equipments etc.

The Federation wise details of financial assistance provided during the last three years till 18th June`07 are given in enclosed ANNEX-I

Individual Meritorious sports persons are also being assisted directly by the Ministry for purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support and training and participation within country and abroad, under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training` and through the `National Sports Development Fund`.

(b) Action is being taken under various schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to establish state-of-the- art training infrastructure and facilities in different parts of the country and spotting and nurturing sports talent in their Centres spread across the country, including in areas with special potential for different identified sports disciplines. Approximtely 13,000 trainees are getting training and other requisite scientific support under these schemes at 230 centres all over the country.

With a view to addressing the huge gap in the availability of sports infrastructure, especially at the grassroots level, the Ministry has received the in-principle approval of the Planning Commission to launch a nation wide programme entitled ` Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan`, which aims to provide all the village and block panchayats with basic sports infrastructure in a phased manner over a period of 10 years .

(c&d) Till 31.3.2005 the Ministry was also supplementing the efforts of State Governments for creation of sports facilities in various places including rural areas by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Scheme. But with effect from 1.4.2005, the sports infrastructure schemes were transferred to the State Sector.

The state-wise details of sports infrastructure completed with central assistance under the erstwhile schemes of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructures during the last three years have been indicated in the enclosed Annex-II.

During the current financial year 2007-08, no funds have been provided under the erstwhile Sports infrastructure scheme. State Governments will have to fund the ongoing projects out of their own resources for which they can seek additional allocation of funds from the planning commission in their respective state annual plan.